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The executive committee of Newark's Committee of Concern last night set the stage for action toward helping to eliminate or alleviate ghetto and city problems by adopting a series of objectives and assigning 15 subcommittees to work in the "most urgent problem areas."

Malcolm D. Talbott, co-chairman of the Committee of Concern, said the sub-committees, now in the process of being appointed, include: education, health and welfare, planning and zoning, coordinating, communications, community participation, police and legal affairs, employment, economic development, voter registration, housing, recreation and culture, code enforcement, labor, and youth.

The Committee was formed during the recent riots and includes in its ranks private citizens, professional men, and business and civic leaders.

Objectives adopted last night include:

- Short range goals which will "focus on current actions that actively demonstrate renewed interest and continuing concern about urban problems."

- Long range goals for erasing poverty which will be "blueprinted in detail with time tables, cost estimates, sources of the required revenue and the administrative structure for carrying out the programs."

The Committee agreed "there must be understanding and agreement at all levels of government as to the goals of the programs, their scope and the means of financing them if long range governmental commitments are to be obtained."

Other objectives are:

- . The Committee will communicate its proposals to federal, state and local government, business, and the other private sectors of the economy. These proposals are to be ones which can be adopted promptly, which can be achieved during the near future, and which will be instrumental in reducing tension.

- . It will actively assist with the coordination between existing organizations and agencies which are now engaged in various anti-poverty, social and economic service activities, and will attempt to suggest overall priorities.

- . The Committee will involve individuals and organizations not previously active toward the solution of the problems of Newark, and will encourage continued participation of organizations and individuals who have already done so much for the city.

- . It will assist people from all walks of life to assume leadership roles in undertaking the solving of community problems.

The objectives, Mr. Talbott said, "signify our intention to devote our full efforts toward the adoption of useful measures."

The subcommittees, he said, "will be charged not only with suggesting specific actions and raising necessary funds, but will also be expected to play an active role in carrying out their own recommendations."